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# LYNCHBURG

# BLACKSTONE

Hold Their Annual Shoot Under Weather Diffi-

EIGHTEEN FACE THE TRAPS

Richmond Gunners Won Some of the Liberal Prizes-The Trade Well Represented.

twentieth annual tournament of the Blackstone Gun Club commenced this morning and the programme of 225 targets was completed by 5 o'clock. The downpour of rain, which

menced about 7 o'clock and did not let up until near 11, kept many shooters from attending, and the low, hanging, dark clouds were a great factor in cutting down the scores, yet after the sun came

# FAIR SPONSORS

### A Lynchburger Enters the Athletic Lists at the World's Fair.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., August 16.—Cap-

RESPITE

Robert Portner Brewing Company to Erect a Large Branch Plant in Petersburg.

factory in Petersburg, which will be entirely independent of all trusts. A site for the building is now being considered,

but has not yet been selected. tain J. C. Featherstone, inspector-general for the Sixth Congressional District of the Virginia Confederate Veterans, has port of the supervised yesterday the received the virginia Confederate Veterans, has The Board of Supervisors of Chesterschools of that county. The report shows that eighty-six schools were run last

# CONFEDERATE REUNION.

## Dr. J. William Jones Lectures on Lee and Jackson.

Leithion, to-day, About six thousand people attended to hear the lecture of Dr. J. William Jones, of Richmond, on the life and character of Generals R. E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, Mombers of Mosby's command, While's Battall'on, the Sixth, Seventh and Eight Virginia Cavalry and Artillery, and representatives and the Camps of Confedente Veterans, Chapters of the Daughters and Sons of Veterans, of this and adjoining counties, participated in the programme.

# TRUSTED TOO OFTEN.

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Alleged Oyster

All the Vessels of the Oyster Service Now Busy Rounding Up Illegal Oystermen.

arrived here to-night and reported tha were taken six miles above Newport News. Seven were white and one colored. out of season. The names of the prisoners are J. W.

Moore, J. B. Morgan, John Morgan, W. H. Davis, G. N. Saunders, Charles Fox

Negro Charged with Attempted
Assault Given Privilege of Escape

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SUFFOLK, VA., Aug. 16.—John Batten, a negro, the attempted assalant of Mrs. Stallings, a respectable lady of Isle of Wight county, sentenced to twelve months in the county prison, and who was the county prison and white, and King Bird, county and the prison and white, and King Bird, county and the prison and white, and King Bird, county and the prison and the pris THREE HUNDRED YARDS.

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The prisoners claimed that they were oystering on their own ground, but Captain Winder stated that he saw the tongers three hundred yards out, and when the James River approached the men went within their grounds. T. A. Sinciair, oyster supervisor for Warwick county, assisted in making the arrests.

All of the vessels of the Virginia oyster navy are now engaged in rounding up alleged pirates and inspecting the beds of the State prior to the opening of the season. The vessels in the fleet are the James River, Rappahannock, Accomac and Pocomoke.

HEAVY FINES.

This was the second capture by the James River within a few weeks, three white guen having been arrested by Captain Winder off Lambert's Point for dredging out of season. Their defense was that they had seen others dredging.

# ALL RECORDS BROKEN

randail Caton, Jr., on bonair of the mass achooners and coal barges awaiting their turn at the plors, and it is by no means unlikely that last month's record of 278,000 tons will be broken this month.

A large delegation of local firemen left to-night on the Washington boat for Alexandria to attend the annual convention of the State Firemen's Association. Hampton also sends a delegation, and the Pheebus company will be represented by seventy-two members and the Fort Morroe band.

FARMER THROWN FROM

HIS HORSE AND KILLED.

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(Special to The Timos-Dispatch.)

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., August 16.—
Mannis Shepherd, a farmer of Boyd's
Tayern, this county, was thrown from his
horse this afternoon and instantly killed,
He leaves a young widow, formerly a
Miss Mahanes, of Albemarle. The same
horse ran away yesterday, breaking a
huggy to pleces and nearly killing the
negro driver.

### SNAKE IN THE HALL. Lady Steps from Her Bedroom and Treads on the Reptile.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch)

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ROCKY MOUNT. VA., August 16—Mrs.

A. J. MoNell, of Wirtz, Va., came near being bitten by a large spread-head moccasin hast night at 10 o'clock. She stepped from her bedroom into the hall, and stepped on the snake, which was crawling on the floor. The snake fied to the front porch and was there killed by a member of the family. The snake was three feet long.

# People in Fluvanna.

white men having been arrested by Captain Winder off Lambert's Point for diredging out of season. Their defense was that they had seen others dredging. The men paid a fine of \$25 each, not permitting the cases to get into court.

LOOKING FOR JOHN LEWIS

Negro Arrested in Maryland Believed to Be the Man.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICKSBURG. VA. Aug. 16.—A tolegram has been received here from Laurel, Md., stating that a negro man arrested there answers the description of John Lewis, the supposed murderer of the colored girl in Spotsylvania county, for whom a considerable reward is offered. He is being held. The negro is from Spotsylvania and refases to say why he solit, The Spotsylvania a authorities are looking into the matter.

Clarence Kennedy and Joseph Sidney,

# VIRGINIA FIREMEN'S ANNUAL CONVENTION

Advance Guard Eighteen Hours Out from Poca-

# PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION.

# An Old Time Hunter Nearly Run Over by a Big Black Bear.

Over by a Big Black Bear.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

PERA. VA., August 16.—The Pledmone Baptist Association will convene at New Prospect Church to-day, and will be in session for three days. A large crowd is expected to be in attendance.

Among the oldest citizens of Amberst will be found in Fedler District, in the persons of Elijah Humphries, aged ninety, and John Byers, aged eighty-five. Soft good citizens.

Mr. John W. Pleasants, an aged Confederate and an old-time hunter, experienced a time in the mountains while gathering whortleberries. A very large black bear came near running over him. The different constables of the county have begun their disagreeable duty of killing dogs that taxes are not paid on. Some swear vengeance if having their dogs killed, and refuse to pay laxes upon them until a better law is enforced, they say.

# Veteran Dead in Bed.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch)

ALEXANDRIA, VA., August 16.—Chas,
Kooler, an old Federal soldier, and, until
three months ago, an inmate of the
Soldiers' Home, in Washington, was
found dead in his room at the Braddook
House to-day. He had not been seen
since Saturday evening, and it is thought
that his death occurred Saturday mani,
Coroner Purvis gave as certificate of
death from natural causes.

Coming and Going,
(Spacia) to The Times-Dispatch.)
COMORN, VA. August 15.—Captain G.
E. Davis, one of King George's leading husiness men and clitsens, has just returned from New Mexico, where he carried his son, who is threatened with limit troubles. Captain Diavis also visited the St. Louis Exposition.

Mr. Harry Taylor, one of the best known young men of this country left tenday for California, where he will engage in business.